

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA,

PRAYING

*A donation of land for the establishment of a college in that Territory.*

JANUARY 8, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :*

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Iowa, now in session, beg leave to represent to your honorable body, that there is no portion of the United States of America more destitute of the means of education than the people of the Territory of Iowa.

It is deemed unnecessary by your memorialists to attempt to enter into detail in relation to the importance of education, while they are mindful of the character and intelligence possessed by the members comprising your honorable body.

Your memorialists are convinced that the important support which education contributes and affords to the welfare of our Government, is but an item in the many arguments that might be afforded in its favor.

Your memorialists are fully persuaded from the former liberality your honorable body has manifested on frequent occasions, by making donations in land or appropriations in money, for the purpose of education in other Territories, that you will manifest the same spirit on this occasion, to the infant but prosperous Territory of Iowa.

Your memorialists are fully convinced that your honorable body must be aware of the great disadvantages which your memorialists must necessarily labor under, for the want of funds for the purpose of education, in consequence of their frontier position.

Your memorialists would therefore pray your honorable body to take the subject under their wise deliberation, and give it that just and impartial investigation which its magnitude demands.

Your memorialists, in conclusion, would earnestly recommend to your consideration the propriety, and urge the importance of making a donation equal to two entire townships of land in the Territory of Iowa, for the purpose of establishing a college in said Territory.

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*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward three copies of this memorial, one to the President of the Senate, one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one to our Delegate in Congress.

EDWARD JOHNSON,

*Speaker House of Representatives.*

S. HEMPSTEAD,

*President of Council.*

Approved December 17, 1839.

ROBERT LUCAS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, I. T.,

*Burlington, December 21, 1839.*

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, I have the honor to send you, herewith, a copy of a memorial to the Congress of the United States, with a request that you lay the same before the honorable body over which you preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT LUCAS.

Hon. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

*President U. S. Senate, Washington City.*